25th March 1953]

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" The land acquisition work in the districts is attended to by the District Welfare Officers. A Provincial (State) Officer proposed by the Committee could at best co-ordinate the work of the district officers and it was considered that the Director of Harijan Welfare could himself attend to this work without the need for a special officer for land acquisition work."

Advances granted under the Wynaad Colonization Scheme.

* 164 *Q.*—

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member Sri M. K. Padmaprabha Gounder is not in his place. The question and answer will be printed in the proceedings."

SRI M. K. PADMAPRABHA GOUNDER : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(*a*) the reasons why Government treat ex-servicemen and the I.N.A. personnel under different categories in the matter of granting advances to them under the Wynaad Colonization Scheme;

(*b*) whether the I.N.A. colonists of Wynaad are ordered to refund the advance amounts given to them; and

(*c*) if so, what is the reason?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" (*a*) Colonists belonging to the categories of ex-servicemen and ex-I.N.A. personnel who went over from the Indian Armed Forces are not treated differently in the matter of grant of financial assistance. But ex-I.N.A. personnel recruited from civilians outside India are not eligible for grant from the Post-War Services Reconstruction Fund under the rules governing the administration of that fund and these persons are treated differently from ex-servicemen.

" (*b*) & (*c*) Such of the ex-I.N.A. colonists as were recruited from civilians outside India have to refund the advances paid to them from the State Fund, commencing from the sixth year of their settlement, as they are not eligible for free grants from the Post-War Services Reconstruction Fund."

Acquisition of lands for Harijans.

* 165 *Q.*—SRI S. VEMIAH : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) how long the acquisition of land for the Muthyalapalam Harijans of Nellore town has been pending;

(*b*) whether a notification under section 4 (1) of the Land Acquisition Act was published in the matter and was subsequently withdrawn; and

(*c*) if so, the reasons therefor?

[25th March 1953

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" (a) No proposals are pending.

" (b) Yes.

" (c) The cost of acquisition of the lands was found to be prohibitive and alternative lands, which were cheaper, were available. The acquisition was therefore withdrawn."

SRI S. VEMIAH :—" May I ask, Sir, for how long these people are suffering for want of house-sites? "

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" They did not accept the alternative sites that were offered to them."

* 166 Q.—SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM :—" This question may be taken up tomorrow, Sir."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Yes, it will be taken up tomorrow."

Levy system of procurement.

* 167 Q.—SRI B. LAKSHMINARASA RAJU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether a uniform rate is adopted for levy of paddy by Government throughout the whole State or any distinction made with reference to different parts of the State and if so, why; and

(b) whether the Government received memoranda from various ryots' associations for lowering the rate of levy for Narasapur taluk, especially for Narasapur and Mogalturu Firkas in view of the salinity and poor quality of the fields of the firkas and what steps the Government propose to take in this behalf?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (a) The levy system of procurement has been introduced only in parts of the surplus districts of East Godavari, West Godavari, Krishna, Guntur and Tanjore to achieve a target of about $2\frac{1}{2}$ lakh tons of rice to be kept as reserve stock for meeting emergencies during 1953. The scales for each district have been fixed in consultation with the Collectors having regard to the seasonal conditions and production this year in each district.

" (b) No representations have been received from the ryots' associations of Narasapur taluk for lowering the levy rate. Some petitions were however received from certain individuals of Narasapur taluk for reducing the rate of levy demand and they were transferred to the Collector of West Godavari for necessary action under clause 3 (2) of the Levy Order wherein the Collectors have been empowered to reduce the scales of levy in deserving cases. The Collector has also been specifically instructed to use his discretion liberally and reduce the levy demand suitably wherever necessary. If the conditions in Narasapur and Mogalturu Firkas call for any reduction in the levy scales, the Collector of West Godavari will take necessary action under the discretion given to him."